



### THE INTERNS

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**Aeria Gaddis** shared her 2003 Summer Internship between the NOAA Office of General Counsel and the Northeast Office of Law Enforcement (OLE). One of Aeria's most exciting assignments while interning for the OLE was to assist NMFS Special Agents in

an undercover tuna patrol off the coast of Boston, Massachusetts. Aeria is a junior at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, majoring in Business Administration. At home in Mississippi, Aeria's family has enjoyed raising racehorses as a secondary business and hobby. This summer was Aeria's first time away from her home state of Mississippi. She found great enjoyment while in New England.



**Angelica Fowler** is a sophomore from Albany State University in Albany, GA. The native Albanian is currently pursuing a dual degree in early childhood education and mathematical science. This summer Angelica worked as a statistician in the Fishery Statistics Office (FSO) of the NERO. Under the direction of her mentors Dr. Stanley Wang and Dr. Jerome Hermesen, she analyzed data from the

2002 landing reports for summer flounder. The goal of her project was to develop a mathematical model to assist the Data Monitoring and Analysis section of the FSO in perfecting methods of predicting when fisheries will reach their quotas. After extracting the data from the Quota Monitoring Database System (QMDBS) Angelica modeled late response to the QMDBS. By the end of the program, Angelica had successfully modeled summer flounder 2002 landing reporting, presented findings to the FSO, and wrote a report that will allow the Data Monitoring and Analysis division of FSO to repeat her analysis for other quota monitored species.



**Kendra Smith** is a junior at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana where she has a dual major in international business and Japanese. She expects to receive her Bachelor's Degree in May 2005, completing a five year course of study in only four years in order to graduate with her class. Kendra has received numerous academic honors

including financial scholarships, attaining the dean's list, and induction into a fraternity for high academic achievers. Her main goals this summer were to continue learning, have exciting new experiences (including her first trip to the Northeast), develop a final product for NOAA, and have fun. Kendra achieved all these goals and more, developing new friends among the other interns and NERO staff alike. Her work updating the Highly Migratory Species Compliance Guide will assist HMS fishermen in understanding regulatory requirements throughout the coming year.



**Courtney Edwards** served as the NOAA Fisheries' Protected Resource Division's 2003 summer intern. Originally from Mississippi, Courtney is a second year graduate student at Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN.

While majoring in Biology, with a concentration in Physiology, she serves as a teaching assistant

in the Anatomy and Physiology department. Her main duty is to instruct 201 and 202 level laboratory based classes. While on the journey to obtain her Master's degree, her research includes investigating the interaction between calcium and histamine in hypertensive vascular smooth muscle cells. Upon graduation, Courtney plans to pursue her Ph.D. in preventive health. Courtney's hobbies include reading fiction and improving her knowledge of the Spanish language. Her main goal is to visit a Spanish speaking country.



**Chris Berrien** returned for a second internship with Information Resources. He enjoyed helping people and fixing things. Chris is starting his senior year at Wilberforce University in Xenia, Ohio

where he is majoring in Computer Information Systems. Chris lives in Ohio and has a young daughter.



**Angela Dash** is originally from Baltimore, Maryland, and a 21 year old senior at Claflin University in Orangeburg South Carolina. She is majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing.

After graduating in May of 2004, she hopes to attend graduate school to obtain a Masters degree in International Marketing.



**Valerie Chan**, a graduate student at Duke University, was an intern with the Habitat Restoration Center this summer. Valerie graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 2002 with a BS in Environmental Science with an emphasis in Biology.

She also studied Marine Science in the Fall of 2000 at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia. Currently, she is thinking of conducting her master's project on sea turtle

strandings and hopes to complete her Master of Environmental Management with a concentration in Coastal Environmental Management in May 2004. Among her many duties as an intern, she collected baseline salinity data at several local future wetland restoration sites including Island Road in Essex, Seaview Street in Rockport and Eastern Point in Gloucester. Each of these sites is tidally restricted as a result of undersized culverts and all are scheduled for culvert replacement in the fall. In addition to her fieldwork, Valerie created two-page fact sheets for over a dozen of the Community-based Restoration projects and mapped out wetland restoration projects within the Gulf of Maine watershed.



**Sasha Rincon**, originally from Brooklyn NY., served as the NERO Sustainable Fisheries Division (SFD) summer intern. This was Sasha's second year with the NERO; last year she interned for the Highly

Migratory Species Division. Sasha is a senior majoring in Political Science at Wilberforce University in Xenia, Ohio and will graduate in December (one semester early). Sasha's hobbies include traveling and salsa dancing.



**James Rider** is a sophomore at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. As an intern in our Inspectional Services Office on Parker Street, Jim was a perfect fit in the analytical

laboratory. New England was completely new for Jimmy, and he says he thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to explore this part of the country.



**Eileen Marum** is a student at Smith College, Northampton, MA, in the Environmental Science and Policy Program where she is majoring in natural resource economics and marine biology. Eileen

is a former registered

nurse from the south coast area of Massachusetts and is a recipient of the Lewis Leadership Program at Smith that provided her the opportunity to return to school to pursue a long held interest

in environmental issues. Formerly, Eileen would participate as a volunteer in such things as monitoring plover nests and even ran for Mayor of New Bedford on an environmental platform. While here, Eileen became interested in oil spill issues as a result of the April grounding and spill in Buzzards Bay, and also completed an issues paper on a habitat restoration project. Eileen even managed to get out on a scallop research cruise this summer after completing the internship. Eileen is a frequent contributor to the New Bedford Standard Times and her letters appear from time to time in the "Your View" section of the editorial page.



**Pearl Adisi** came to our Habitat Conservation Division from Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia, where she was a Computer Science major, scheduled to graduate in December 2003. A Dean's

List and Honor Roll student,

Pearl was also the recipient of a School of

Science and Technology Scholarship at Norfolk State. She was considering career options as a database administrator, system analyst, or possibly webmaster in industry or possibly, in government. Everyone in the Regional Office was profoundly saddened when, tragically, Pearl passed away on June 27, 2003. Pearl lived with her mom in Alexandria, Virginia but was actually a citizen of Ghana, where she was born. Pearl loved her family, her Ghanaian culture, her church, her friends, and new experiences.